

TUESDAY, Feb. 25, 1840.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Bailey moved for a reconsideration of the resolution offered by Mr. Mills on yesterday, in relation to a division of the Territory, which motion prevailed, and said resolution made the order of to-day.

Mr. English moved that the Senate give him permission to be absent the balance of the session, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Mills, from the committee on the State of the Territory to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to prevent any person holding an office under the General Government of the United States, or any foreign government or power, from holding any office under the authority of the Territory of Florida, report, that they deem it inexpedient to legislate on the subject.

The same from the same committee, reported on an act passed by the House of Representatives, to extend the right of Samuel C. Keyzer to a ferry across the Escambia river, that the committee have had the same under consideration, and having referred to the act of February 14, 1835, find that the present right of said Keyzer does not expire until 1845. It is therefore deemed inexpedient to legislate further on this subject at this time, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The same from the same committee, reported a bill to be entitled an act concerning the Seminole Indians, with amendments.

Said bill was made the order of to-day.

The resolution before offered by Mr. Mills, in relation to a division of the Territory, was again read, to which Mr. Dupont offered the following amendment, viz:

"Provided, however, that unless such admission into the Union of that portion of Florida, above contemplated, be guaranteed; that our Delegate be directed solemnly to protest, in the name of the people of Florida, against any division of the Territory."

Which was received.

On the question of the adoption of the resolution as amended the yeas and nays were called, by messrs. Berthelot and Mills, and were,

Yeas—messrs. Bailey, Duval, Dupont, English, Hart and Mills—6.

Nays—Mr. President, messrs. Berthelot and Walker—3.

So said resolution was adopted.

The Senate went into committee of the whole, Mr. Bailey in the chair, on a bill entitled an act to alter and amend the act entitled an act to prevent the migration of free negroes and mulattoes into this Territory, and for other purposes. After some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose and report-

ed the bill with the enacting clause stricken out, which report was concurred in.

The Senate went into committee of the whole on an act to amend an act concerning wills, letters testamentary, and of administration, and the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, approved 20th Nov., 1828. After some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose and reported the bill with the enacting clause stricken out.

Which report was concurred in.

The Senate received from the House as passed the following resolution, viz:

Be it Resolved, by the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, That the Legislative Council do adjourn on the 2d day of march next, sine die—adopted by the House of Representatives Feb. 22d, 1840.

JAMES H. GIBSON, Clk H. Rep.

Which was read, (the rule being waived) and adopted.

Also, a resolution in relation to Tax Collectors, which was read a first time.

Also, an act to be entitled an act to legalize the election for county officers in the county of Jackson, which was read a first and second time, the rule being waived, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Also, a preamble and resolution for the relief of Christopher H. Edwards, of Madison county, which was read a first and second time, the rule being waived, and adopted.

Also, a preamble and resolution in relation to the grant of land known as Forbs Purchase in middle Florida, was read a first time and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

An act to authorize John M. McIntosh to establish a ferry on the Suwannee river; which was read, the rule being waived, and passed.

Also, a resolution requesting our Delegate in Congress to urge upon the President of the United States the expediency of contracting with one Jacob Houseman for the killing or catching the Indians in South Florida and everglades, which was read.

Also, a resolution before adopted by the Senate, appropriating ten acres of land for a Government House, with all but the enacting clause stricken out.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the several acts incorporating the town of Jacksonville, was again read. Upon the question of its final passage the yeas and nays were called for by messrs. Berthelot and Hart, and were,

Yeas—messrs. English, Hart, Mills and Walker—4.

Nays—Mr. President, messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Duval, Dupont—5. So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the Seminole Indians was read a second time and referred to the committee on the State of the Territory.

The Senate received from the House as passed :

A bill to be entitled, "an act for the relief of the legal representatives of Francis A. Ross, late Sheriff of Calhoun county;"

Which was read a first and second time, the rule being waived, and with the accompanying documents, referred to the committee on the State of the Territory, also,

An act to repeal an act entitled, "an act in addition to an act entitled an act to prevent any person in this Territory from carrying arms secretly," approved February 10, 1838;

Which was read, the rule being waived, and passed.

Also the following:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the committee on finance, from the Senate and House of Representatives, have a conference for the purpose of reporting a compensation bill;

Which was read, the rule being waived, and adopted.

Also the following :

Resolved by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, That our Delegate in Congress be instructed to procure the passage of a law to alter the time of meeting of said Legislative Council, from the first monday in January to the 4th monday in November, in each and every year ;

Which was read a first time.

Also the following :

Resolved by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, That our Delegate in Congress be requested to procure an amendment to the organic laws of this Territory, so as to prevent any person holding office under the General Government, or any foreign power from holding a seat in the Legislative Council of this Territory;

Which was read a first time.

His Excellency, the Governor, transmitted to the Senate, the following message :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,)
Tallahassee, Feb. 21, 1840. }

To the Honorable the Senate of the Legislative Council of Florida.

I respectfully inform you that I have approved of the following acts of the Legislative Council :

An act to amend an act entitled, an act to incorporate the Bank of Apalachicola.

An act declaring Blackwater River a navigable stream.

An act to amend an act incorporating the Roman Catholic Church at St. Augustine, called St. Augustine Church.

An act to establish a board of Wardens, and Commissioners of Pilotage, for the Port of Key West.

A resolution relative to the payment of J. S. Robinson,

A resolution relative to the Choctawhatchee River.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 25, 1840.

To the Honorable, the Senate of the Legislative Council of Florida.

I call the attention of the Legislative Council to the second, third and fourth section of an act to provide for building a Capitol, and for other purposes, approved 4th march, 1839, which sections provide for the sale of certain lands granted by Congress to the Territory of Florida.

It is important that these lands be brought into market, in order that the Commissioner of the Tallahassee Fund may be enabled to comply with contracts already made for the erection of the public buildings, and which exceed in amount the appropriation made by Congress; but if sold upon the terms prescribed by the act alluded to, and under the existing pressure, a sacrifice, it is feared, must ensue.

I suggest, therefore, to the Council, that the terms of sale be placed within the discretion of the Commissioners and the Governor, or that they be so altered, as to require the payment of one fourth of the consideration money in cash, and the balance in one and two years, to be secured by bonds and mortgages. Authority might also be given to the officers just mentioned, to use these securities, should it be found necessary to do so, for the purpose of procuring means for the completion of the public buildings.

ROBERT RAYMOND REID.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate then adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 1840.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the bill entitled an act to repeal the several acts incorporating the town of Jacksonville, was reconsidered, and made the order of to-day.

Mr. Mills gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, introduce a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Apalachicola.

Mr. Dupont, from the Finance Committee, reported a bill to